stores. For seamless line pipes, risers and bends order has been placed on M/s Soconord, Belgium at a price of Beligian Francs 423.24 million.

Committee for welfare of Minorities

3652. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Committee in his Ministry for monitoring implementation of the 15-point Programme for the Welfare of the Minorities ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the number of persons who have been provided with the Employment during the last three years under the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Saving in LPG consumption

3653. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that old L.P.G. stoves and non-I.S.I. standard L.P.G. stoves are to be phased out and replaced with fuel efficient stoves by which 15 percent saving in the consumption of L.P.G. could be made ;

(b) if so, whether a small amount of subsidy is proposed to be made available to facilitate replacement just as in the case of efficient foot valves and fuel efficient boilers furnances ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider a scheme for this purpose for saving foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There is no such scheme under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Development of Gadgets

3654. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that fuel saving Gadgets developed by independent scientists in Tamil Nadu could save 12 to 14 per cent fuel consumption , and

(b) whether Government would take measures to popularise the gadgets in view of the fuel savings resulting in foreign exchange savings ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir. Government are not aware of such Gadgets with proven results.

(b) Does not arise.

Addition of chemicals in Petrol/ Diesel

3655. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that certain chemicals additive sold abroad are known to effec about 14 per cent saving in patro and diesel vehicles ;